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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for June 1917

SUBJECT.

Disturbances created recently by British Soldiers in and near the Bangalore City & measures to prevent recurrence of such in future.

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4) D.O. No 4569 dt 13.6.1917 from The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 194-16

FILE HEADING.

Disturbances created recently by British soldiers in and near the Bangalore City & measures to prevent recurrence of such in future.

From

The D.C. Bangalore

No. 133-S.O Dated 25-5-17 Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copy of D.S.P.'s memo re a disturbance which ~~took place~~ was created by British soldiers near the Lalbagh on 24.5.17

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Statement of disturbances caused recently by British Soldiers.

No.	Date	Details of disturbance	Remarks.
1	18 3 1917	Some British soldiers entered the Imperial Service Transport lines at about 9 p.m. forced open certain houses and created a row by assaulting the men who came to prevent the mischief.	Picquets were placed to patrol the vicinity from 5 p.m. to midnight. The Hon'ble the British Resident and the General expressed regret for the incident and it was stated that steps would be taken to prevent similar trouble in future.
2	29 3 1917	The picquet placed on duty on the Hebbal Road stopped the dogcart of Risaldar Abdul Gaffer of the I.S.L. when he was driving from Cantonment at about 9 p.m., dragged it by force up to the main guard room and overturned it, causing injuries to the Risaldar and the other two occupants.	The Risaldar since died of the injuries. A District Court martial has been ordered to try the N.C.O. in charge of the picquet. The result of the trial is not yet known. "out of bound" boards round the lines were put up and punishment of the culprits promised. The Hon'ble the Resident expressed his regret and sympathy.
3	12 5 1917	Fracas in the Lal-Bagh in the evening between some Mohammadans and British Soldiers. The soldiers made themselves scarce and the culprits are not known.	A patrol of two Police officers and three men at the Lal-Bagh has been arranged for by the Durbar.
4	21 5 1917	A British soldier stabbed a pariah domestic servant of Whitefield near Konén Agrahar on the Whitefield Road. The soldier is said to be demented.	The servant died and the case is under investigation.
5	24 5 1917	Fracas near the Lal-Bagh	About 15 or 20 soldiers were turbulent and boisterous and a fracas ensued in which both they and the civil population sustained injuries. The actual number injured is not known. A further report is promised.

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Political File No. 494 of 1916-17

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2	D.O. no. 4944 dt/26.5.17 from the Dewan to the Honble the Resident. Forwards a copy of the statement and suggests certain measures with a view to prevent such occurrences.

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Bangalore,

D. C. No. 4945 28th May 1917.
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My dear Sir,

2)

I send herewith, for favour of submission to His Highness the Maharaja for information a copy of my letter to the Hon'ble the Resident, together with the connected papers, regarding certain disturbances caused by the British Soldiers in the Bangalore City and its neighbourhood.

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Yours sincerely,

26.5.17 Dewan

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R. W. Campbell Esq C.I.E I.C.S.

The Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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D. O. No. 24506

The Palace,
Mysore, 30th May 1917.

Do No. 307
See our file

My dear Sir,

3) I am directed to return herewith, after perusal by His Highness, the papers relating to certain disturbances caused by Britiah Soldiers in Bangalore City and its neighbourhood, forwarded with your D.O.letter No.4945 dated the 26th Instant.

Put up herewith along with

Yours sincerely,

Secretary
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Sir M.Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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3	No 46-C D.O. No. 97 28-5-17 from the Hon'ble the Resident to the Dewan. States that he is writing at once to Mr. Ogilvie and assures that the matters concerned will receive his serious consideration as well as that of the military authorities.

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D. O. No. 4953 Fin one

Bangalore, 30th May 17

My dear Sir,

5) With reference to my demi official letter No: 4945 dated the 26th instant re-garding certain dis-turbances caused by the British Soldiers in the Bangalore City and its neighbourhood, I send herewith for favour of submis-sion to His Highness a letter received from the Hon'ble Mr Cobb, assuring that the matters brought to notice receive his serious consideration as well as that of the Mi-litary authorities.

Yours sincerely
do
3/5/17 (Dewan)

R. N. Campbell Esq
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Serial No.

D. O. No. 2745-38

THE PALACE,
MYSORE.
18th June 1917.

Do no. 329
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My dear Sir,

I am directed to return herewith, after submission to His Highness, the Hon'ble Mr. Cobb's D.O.letter of the 28th May re certain disturbances caused by the British Slodiers in Bangalore City and its neighbourhood, forwarded with your D.O.letter No.4953 of the 30th Idem.

Put up herewith

Yours sincerely,

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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D.O. no. 4569 dt 13.6.17 from the Hon'ble the Resident.

Intimates the action taken by the Brigadier General to prevent the recurrence of disturbances by soldiers.

1) In the opinion of the Brigadier General 'the Burbar are unduly alarmed over the incidents' and the Hon'ble the Resident agrees with him. The former thinks that there are some evil disposed natives who are spreading false reports about soldiers with the purpose of stirring up riots & trouble and suggests that these persons should be prosecuted.

2) The measures proposed by the Govt. for adoption (see sl. no. 2) for prevention of recurrence of trouble in future and those adopted by the military authorities are noted below:-

Measures proposed by Govt.	Measures adopted by Military authorities.
(1) Places like Lal bagh & Cubbon Park be specially reserved to by soldiers to be declared out of bounds or at least the movements of soldiers in the city should be	The city & precincts have been put out of bounds. The Lal bagh has been put out of bounds except between 3 p.m. 6.30 p.m. and

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	controlled by a responsible military officer to accompany each party of soldiers leaving barracks for recreation or sport.	military police has been stationed in the vicinity. Cubbon Park cannot be placed out of bounds.
	(2) Soldiers to be absolutely prohibited from carrying knives when they visit the city for recreation.	This cannot be done.
	(3)	There is an Asst. Provost Marshal to supervise the military discipline of the troops.
	(4)	Military police has been increased and they are on duty at all points day & night.
	(5)	Three strong picquets patrol all the main thoroughfares between the hours of 6 p.m. & midnight.
	(6)	Military police provided with bicycles for quick action.
	(7).	other precautions taken.

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9) Of the above nos. 3-7 some to relate only to the C. & M. Station.

10) Subd. for orders.

B.S.
20.6.17.

I have personally explained to the Diwan this morning that a letter has issued to the Hon'ble the Rawal to the effect that there is no substantial justification to warrant a prosecution

11) These papers may be recalled to-day to me along with the other file, tomorrow

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Subd.

The accompanying file has to be subd. to the Gl. Secy. Lonavla as per his order in the last para of the note. Police file no. 194-16 is linked hereto as per instructions contained therein.

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Police file no. 194-16 has also been received & put up.

RG.
8.5.17

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N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

No 133/S.O

Dated Bangalore, 25th May 1917.

File no. 203-16
Ref. no. 1

From

Muhammed Zahiruddin Mecci, Esq., B.A.
Senior Assistant Commissioner,
in charge Bangalore District.

To

D.M.Narasinga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a Memo submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District and to state that I was present at the enquiry from beginning to end and found, as was brought out in the course of the enquiry, that those who had come for the picnic had indulged in liquor rather freely, as was evidenced by the large number of empty beer bottels left behind. It is a question as to how they were able to ~~blame~~ dy bring such a large quantity of liquor with them.

2. I beg also to state in this connection that it was fortunate that the soldiers did not have recourse to the Jack knives, which I found hanging by the belts of most of them similar to the one used in the murder of Royappa near Konana Agrahar on the 21st instant. It would seem that every soldier who has been invalided here from the front is armed with a knife of this kind. From what has transpired I beg to submit that it would be in the interest of all concerned that the soldiers are prohibited from carrying these weapons on their persons when they come out for ~~sight~~ sight as seeing or on pleasure drives, as these knives are not only not required by them on such occasions but are of a very dangerous nature.

3. The special Police patrol in the LalBagh which, for

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for some time past, has been working from 4 to 8 P.M., will be strengthened and made to patrol the Lal Bagh premises and the approach road during ~~the~~ all the hours of the day till the Lal Bagh gates are closed.

4. Further report will be submitted in due course.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Senior Assistant Commissioner
in charge Bangalore Dist.

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Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District,
Dated Bangalore, 24th, May 1917.

M E M O.

1) While I was in office to-day at 3-30 P.M. constable Naga Singh came to me in a hurry and informed me that a lot of Soldiers were creating a disturbance in front of the Lal-Bagh and at Mavalli by beating every body they came accross. I tried to send a Telephone message to the Brigade office to send up Military Police, but the instrument was useless. I then informed the Deputy Commissioner, who very kindly came with me at once, and we arrived at Messrs. Muniswamy & Sons, Florists on the Lal-Bagh Road by 3-45 P.M.

2) I found about 12 or 15 Soldiers in front and on the Verandah of the Building in an agitated state.

3) With the help of Sergeant Nash who just then arrived, we pacified them and I started making enquiries.

4) Private Crutchlow Garrison Military Police informed me that Lance Corporal Taplin of the 2nd Royal West Kents Regiment with Private Reynolds, Creighton Winstanley, and Private Miles, went to the Lal-Bagh about 9 A.M. for a picnic, that three of these men were to start to night to the front that about 12 noon Miles found that his friends had too much beer, and fearing that they may not get back to Barracks in time, he went back to his Regiment to fetch help and carriages to take the men back, and sought his (G.M.P.) help, that when they were

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returning to the Lal-Bagh with three carriages and some men about 2 P.M. he found the Soldiers being beaten by Natives at Messrs.Muniswamy & Sons and when he went to their rescue he was assaulted by the Natives with bamboos and a chopper, he was hurt on the wrist, right knee and shoulder, and produced a stout piece of Bamboo as the stick he was assaulted with, but he was not able to identify any of the men.

5) Private Atchley A.S.C. and Private Miles West Kents, stated that they were going to the Lal-Bagh between 2 and 3 P.M. and found several Natives beating the Soldiers in front of Messrs.Muniswamy & Sons Lal-Bagh Road, and that they went to their assistance and that Private Egeston hurt his knee while jumping out of the Gharry and that Miles had gone for help to take these men back as they had too much liquor.

6) Private Cousins Royal Kents stated that he was going to the Lal-Bagh between 2 and 3 P.M. and found some Natives beating some Soldiers in front of this Building and that some were hurt.

7) Lance Corporal Mafurd Royal Kents stated that he passed by, about 3 P.M. and found some Soldiers hurt but did not see any body strike them.

8) Sergeants Nash and Park with 5 men of the Military Police had arrived after hearing of the disturbance from the Civil and Military Police and Lance Corporal Taplin and 3 others who had left prior to my arrival went to the Shoolay Police and lodged a complaint copy of which I received and have attached hereto.

9) During the enquiry I learnt that the Soldiers had created a disturbance previously at the Lal-

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and had struck several persons.

10) I proceeded to the Lal-Bagh in company with the Deputy Commissioner and Sergeant Nash and was informed by Mr. Bistopauth the Superintendent that the three soldiers chased his contractor into his office and wanted to strike him accusing him of having stolen some of their currency notes that he had the man searched and finding nothing on him, he pacified the Soldiers and sent them away, that the Soldiers were intoxicated having emptied a large number of bottles of beer and that they smashed a few flower pots in the Fern house and broke a bench and that one of the Soldiers fell off his bicycle.

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11) We examined the Fern House and found this to be true, 17 empty beer bottles were found there and a Bike and a helmet were found in the office.

12) One Thippiah Patel of Moogalhalli Village of the Molakalmur ~~Village~~ Taluq who came as a casual visitor to the Lal-Bagh to-day hurried to us and showed us a black eye which he stated was caused by the Soldiers just because he went into the Fern House when the Soldiers were driving some Gardeners away.

13) Ramiah a Botannical Student stated that one of the Soldiers gave him a blow on the mouth and hurt one of his teeth at the Lal-Bagh Gate because he was not sharp in helping to adjust a chain on one of the bicycles of the Soldiers.

14) Messrs. Rama Rao and D'Souza in charge of the grounds in the Lal-Bagh informed me that they saw the Soldiers committing these acts of mischief and that they further chased two Eurasian young ladies

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who were screaming for help, and that when Mr. D'Souza and others hurried up they ceased to molest the ladies

Inspector Abdul Nabi informed me that he turned up on the scene and hearing that the Soldiers had committed excesses at the Lal-Bagh, he went there to see, and by the time he went round the place and came to the gate he found three Soldiers the worse for liquor indiscriminately assaulting every body, and that despite his warnings and persuasion they went into Mavalli and there assaulted the marginally noted men, and that with the greatest difficulty he brought them to the Building of Munisamy and Sons when they were taken away and that we arrived just then.

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Ramiah of Messrs. Rudrappa & Sons informed me that he was returning from the City on a bicycle when these Soldiers without any cause kicked his bicycle and knocked him down, and that the Soldiers then attacked an old villager.

Post man Kuppusamy of the R.M.S. living at Mavalli showed me his left eye which was injured and informed me that one of the Soldiers dealt him a blow.

Two men, Byanna and Devakarappa are also reported to be injured but their presence could not be secured.

Mr. Subbiah of Messrs. Rudrappa & Sons informed me that the Soldiers had entered his garden also and there frightened his gardeners and females.

During the enquiry at the Florists Lieut. Cunnings A.P.M. turned up learnt the facts and left.

The General commanding the station and a staff officer also came to the Lal-Bagh and made enquiries.

Petty shop-keeper Sattar complained that in the disturbance his shop was looted by these soldiers.

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15) That the 4 Soldiers who were the worse for liquor misbehaved themselves in the Lal-Bagh is quite clear, and Mr. Bistopauth informs me that they even molested a respectable Hindu visitor to the Station from Ceylon, while he visited the Lal-Bagh in company with his sister by jumping on the foot board of the car while in motion.

16) That there were a large number of Soldiers in the Lal-Bagh is clear by the fact that 5 carriages drove in containing them about 9 A.M.

17) That the Soldiers while being the worse for liquor created a disturbance in the Lal-Bagh and further after the assault in front of the Florists place they behaved in a very turbulent and boisterous manner by striking every body mostly innocent persons they came accross is also established, but how the disturbance was caused at the Florists nobody comes forward to say.

18) That the Soldiers were beaten by Hindus is spoken to not only by the Military men but also by the Mohomadan petty shop keeper, though he is not able to name any of the Hindu assailants. A Hindu man and a woman are hurt.

19) My suspicions are that Ramiah the Botannical Student who was assaulted in the Lal-Bagh and who is related to the Florists is the cause of the trouble as he admits that after he was beaten he ran in the direction of the Firm. The Soldiers seeing him run must have pursued him, when the gardeners and other servants of the Firm hurried out and a free fight ensued. This the men are not however prepared to admit.

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Coachman Varada who drove some of the Soldiers to the Florists Firm stated that he saw the gardeners and Coolies of this Firm beat the Soldiers at the instigation of Mr. Veerappa the Head of the Firm, but this statement does not appear to be true as Mr.Veerappa was at my office at 3-30 P.M. this day.

During the enquiry, we noticed that some of the -- Soldiers had been drinking and Mr.Bistopanth has stated the same in his letter to the Brigade Major prior to the disturbance at the Florists. (Copy enclosed).

All disturbance ceased by 4 P.M. and every thing was quiet in the evening. I have arranged for special Patrol

Further details will be submitted.

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

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Copy of complaint given by the Soldier to the - - Shoolay Police Station.

I and my chums Private Reynolds, Creighton, Winstanley went to the Lal-Bagh for a picnic and when we were returning near the big Florists and Seedsman shop, several natives, about 20 in number, set upon and assaulted us with sticks and stones, I was hit on the head, Reynolds was hit all over the body, Creighton on the eye and cheek and Winstanley badly hit on the eye. We do not give any cause but we were riding home in on a Gharry. Please do the needful. Creighton who was with us lost his bicycle and Creighton and myself lost our helmets in the Disturbance.

Sd/-E.Taplin, L.Corporal
2nd R.W.Kents.

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To

The Brigade Major,

Civil and Military Station,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that for some days past, the Soldiers of the Local Garrison coming in large numbers into the Lal-Bagh Garden have been creating disturbances very often and ill-treat the Garden Employees.

In spite of warnings from the men in charge, they get beyond the iron reigons and thrust their hands into the cages of the Leopards and Lions. One of them was severely scratched by one of the animals about 4 or 5 days ago. To-day a body of the R.W.Fents, consisting of about 50 came into the garden at about 10 A.M. and getting full drunk commenced the chasing the employees and visitors alround and broke a few benches and flower pots and were quite uncontrollable. I request therefore that you will be good enough to issue necessary order so as to prevent their frequenting the garden or creating disturbances therein.

I have etc.

Sd/-Bistopauth Badami,

Superintendent, Lal-Bagh.

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File no. 203-16
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D. O. No. 4944/Estt.

Bangalore,
26th May 1917.

To

The Hon'ble the Resident in
Mysore.

My dear Sir,

I write to bring to your ~~notice~~ notice that, since the disturbances caused by the British Soldiers on the 18th and 29th March last, the soldiers have again come into conflict with the civil population on three occasions within the past few days as may be seen from the accompanying list.

The fracas that took place in the Lalbagh on the 12th instant between the soldiers and some Mahomedans was followed 9 days later by the stabbing of a pariah domestic servant by a soldier near Domlur on the Whitefield road, resulting in the death of the victim. The details of these incidents have been ~~officially~~ intimated to ~~already~~ his Residency by the General Secretary.

I send herewith copy of a memorandum by the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District, reporting the particulars of another fracas of a serious character which occurred on the 24th instant and in which the soldiers again figured. The

lawless behaviour of the soldiers, referred to in paragraph 25 of the memorandum deserves particular attention.

These successive incidents have naturally created much alarm and bitterness in the minds of the civil population of the city.

The Durbar fear that disturbances of this kind will not cease unless more stringent measures than appear to exist at present are immediately adopted. In order to prevent public peace and safety from being interfered with in future by the soldiers, it is very necessary that places like the Lalbagh and the Cubbon Park, which are largely resorted to by the soldiers, should be declared out of bounds or at least, the movements of the soldiers in the Bangalore City controlled by deputing a responsible military officer to accompany each party of soldiers leaving the barracks for recreation or sport.

It is brought to the notice of His Highness' Government that the soldiers are armed with knives even when they go out for sightseeing. To obviate the possible misuse of such dangerous weapons, they should be absolutely prohibited from carrying them whenever they visit the city for recreation.

The Durbar will be highly obliged if you will kindly give your very early attention to this important matter and persuade

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the military authorities to adopt such arrangements as will effectually put a stop to disturbances of ~~the~~ this kind. ~~under advertance~~.

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Yours sincerely,

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THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

File no 203/16
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Camp Attacanur.
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My dear Sir Vishveshwaraya,

Your d.o. letter No 4944 dated the 26th has reached me this morning and I am writing at once to give my opinion on the matter.

You may rest assured that the matters concerned will receive my serious consideration and will be kept in mind during the negotiations.

Yours sincerely
H. Cobb

Secretary
Home Dept
16.6.17

Sir Lee W
Draft as
Mr Chitnavis
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THE MYSORE RESIDENCY,

No 4589 Bangalore, 13th June 1917.

My Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

With reference to your demi-official letter No 4944 dated the 26 May 1917 and in continuation of my letter no 44.C. dated the 28th idem, I send a copy of General Ingguldon's letter No X.23 dated .. May 1917 on the alleged disturbances caused by British Soldiers.

1. Since I received the letter I have twice discussed the position with General Ingguldon and am satisfied that all reasonable steps to prevent collisions of the sort to which you refer have been and are

are being taken. But it is impossible to foresee everything, and with a garrison of double or treble its normal size some "incidents" must be expected from time to time. To argue, however, from what has occurred that public peace and safety are endangered is, I think, going beyond what is reasonable; and I would invite your attention to General Iggulden's comments upon the various incidents referred to in your letter, comments with which I agree.

3. A copy of the proceedings of the military court of enquiry into the recent disturbances at the Lal Bagh

is being sent officially to the Durbar.

Yours sincerely

H.V. Cobb.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E,

Dewan of Mysore

Confidential. Encl 4. (27

D.O. letter No. X. 23, dated ----- May 1917, from Brigadier General H.A. Iggulden to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

I am in receipt of your No. 43-C. of 28th May, forwarding a letter and reports from the Dewan of Mysore on alleged disturbances caused by British soldiers.

Nobody regrets these unfortunate affairs more than I do, and every endeavour is being taken, and has been taken, to prevent their occurrence; short of confining the troops to their Barracks and Camps, which I am not prepared to do.

In substantiation of what has been done I would mention that there is an Officer as Assistant Provost Marshal, whose sole duty it is to supervise the Military discipline of the troops and of the Civil and Military Station. He is assisted by 80 Military Police (now to be increased to 96), who are on duty day and night at all points. Over and above this there are three strong picquets patrolling all the main thoroughfares between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight. Other precautions are also taken, and I am further having some of the Military Police provided with bicycles for quick action. With this, and the ordinary Guards and the Civil Police, I think all due precautions have been taken.

It must be remembered that we have between 10,000 and 14,000 troops in the Garrison, and my difficulties have recently been largely increased by the addition of some 1500 to 2000 furlough men on leave from Mesopotamia with large sums of money at their disposal.

I am not in the least nervous myself of any serious trouble happening, though as in any large Garrison town such as Aldershot or elsewhere, where big Garrisons are stationed, disagreeable incidents will happen.

As regards the letter of the Dewan to you, and the Mysore Durbar account of the incidents quoted, I feel bound to take exception to what I cannot but consider is a one sided version

of facts. In doing this I do in no way wish to exonerate the troops. But in cases 2,3 and 5, I think that it is open to doubt if the soldiers were in fault at all.

I am of course holding the fullest enquiry into all cases, and any breach of discipline on the part of soldiers will be very severely dealt with.

As regards case 2, you are already fully acquainted with the facts, and the unfortunate death of Risaldar Abdul Gaffer was a pure accident.

With reference to case 3, the incident was from all accounts due to some Mahomedan budmashes directly and gratuitously insulting a small party of four soldiers when driving in the Lal Bagh, and should not be reckoned as a fracas by soldiers.

Case 4 was due to a madman stabbing a native when alone with him, for no reason, some three miles outside Bangalore, and is unconnected with the behaviour of troops in Bangalore.

Case 5 is still under enquiry, but as far as I can gather was due to some extent by natives assaulting 4 or 5 soldiers when returning from a picnic in the Lal Bagh, and taking the law into their own hands, and anyhow is not a very serious affair, the only people who were hurt were the soldiers.

I think the Mysore Durbar are unduly alarmed over these incidents, and I can assure them that the British troops generally regard the natives with feelings of friendliness and bear no -- animosity to them. I have put the City and precincts out of -- bounds, and have put the Lal Bagh out of bounds except between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., and will also have Military Police there. I do not agree to the Cubbon Park being out of bounds or to soldiers pocket knives being taken away from them.

From stories I have heard from to time since I have been here I am inclined to think there are some evil disposed persons here (natives) who are doing their best to put the Civil population against the soldiers by spreading disgraceful, malicious, and lying reports about the soldiers with the express purpose of stirring up riots and trouble. I spoke to Mr. Srinivasiengar

I.G. of Police, Mysore, on this matter three days ago, and he said he had heard such rumours and had enquired if there was any truth in them and found them all entirely false.

I should be glad if these malignant persons could be run to earth and prosecuted.

I will send you full reports of the Lal Bagh disturbance when all evidence is forthcoming, I am, however, convinced that the Mysore Durbar need have no fear that there is any danger of the troops coming into conflict with the Civil population, or that they have any ill feeling towards them.